

Northmoor Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 9 February 2022

Parish Council Members taking part

Dr G Shelton - Chairman
Mrs V Ryan
Mrs Carrie Berry
Mr N Reeves

Mr M Ryan (Clerk)

Councillors and Public who joined the meeting. District Councillor Lysette Nicholls, County Councillor Dan Levy, Chris Isaac, Julie Williams, Lyn Partridge, Lynn Smith, Ms A Beba, Robert Sugden, Mr Sean Grace.

Apologies. District Councillor Steve Good.

Declarations of Interest. There were no declarations of interest.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on the 12 January 2022 had been previously circulated to Parish Councillors. The Minutes were accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising.

There were no matters arising not covered in the current agenda

Item 6. Reports from Councillors.

County Councillor Dan Levy's monthly report included that OCC's budget for 2022/23 would need to address previous budget forecasts on the cost of major infrastructure projects including the A40 works now in progress.

The County Council continues to prioritise active travel, discouraging motor transport in Oxford City and encouraging cycling.

Sewage treatment remains a major problem made worse with South Leigh's plant being out of action

Dan's report closed with a plea for all to remember that Covid has not gone away and for us all to keep being careful and considerate.

District Councillor Lysette Nicholls reported that the A40 consultation by OCC closing date had been extended until 19 February.

The WODC Welch Way office was having a refit to accommodate more front-line staff.

The Local Plan was being reviewed to ensure land supply met housing requirements. WODC was offering free online training for local businesses to remain Covid resilient as restrictions ease.

Parish Councillor Carrie Berry reported that the survey structure had been largely completed and they were looking for funding.

Parish Councillor Neil Reeves expressed frustration that notices asking motorists to respect the fact that Northmoor's narrow roads are used by horse riders and pedestrians on the Standlake Road have been taken down by unknown persons.

Parish Councillor Maureen Sears said that she would like to see a painting competition on a Royal theme as part of Northmoor's celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

There were already plans for a Church service, a Village history exhibition, and a BBQ on one day of the bank holiday.

Chairman Graham Shelton added that more work was need on the Jubilee celebrations and perhaps a meeting could be called.

Michael Ryan, Clerk, reported that in support of Councillor Reeves concern about road safety on the Standlake Road he had spoken to Scott Gillam, who maintains the grass in the playing field and outside the Church, whether it would be possible to cut back the undergrowth on the verge on the North side to provide a larger area for walkers to step off the road when vehicles are approaching. Scott said this would need a mechanical flail to start, but then could be maintained relatively easily. The Council approved this being investigated further.

The reduction in speed limits within villages from 30 mph to 20 mph was not the main problem in Northmoor. It was more the 40 and 60 mph that caused most concern.

The notice board at Bablockhythe was in a bad state of repair and needs replacing. Council approved this request.

The Clerk was concerned that the County Council's decision to only offer a vegan menu might have wider implications and was not in the interests of the farming community of Northmoor.

The Clerk expressed concern that the road works on the A40 might see very significant increase in traffic on the A415 and therefore on Moreton Lane.

Item 6 Open item for Parishioners. There was no business for this item.

Item 7. Finance

The Council confirmed the payment of £112.50 for hire of the Village Hall during 2021.

Item 8. Planning.

22/00230/HHD Ms A. Beba, 3 Chapel Lane Single storey side/rear extensions. There were no objections to this application.

22/00273. Mr C Isaac, Chanonry, Church Road. Single Storey Extension. There were no objections to this application.

Item 8 Correspondence None that required discussion or reply

Item 9. Any Other Business. None

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Signed..... Date ...9 March 2022